

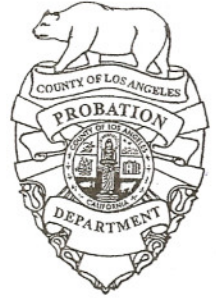


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June 16, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TO ENTER INTO THREE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM (CLEAR) PARTICIPATION
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT:

This is to request that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney to execute and enter into three Professional Services Agreements with the City of Los Angeles for continued participation in the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program, a multi-agency gang intervention project, in accordance with the City's CLEAR Program requirements.

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT YOUR
BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 1) with the City of Los Angeles (City) in the amount of \$235,841 for CLEAR Program services provided by Probation (\$97,000) and the District Attorney's Office (\$138,841), at one CLEAR site (Hollenbeck/Boyle Heights) for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, funded from the 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant.

2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney's Office to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 2) in the amount of \$393,060 for CLEAR Program services provided by Probation (\$161,660) at five CLEAR sites (Newton, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest and Foothill) and the District Attorney's Office (\$231,400), at four CLEAR sites (Newton, Northeast, Southeast and Southwest), for the period of December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, funded by the City's 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.
3. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney's Office to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 3) in the amount of \$195,634 for CLEAR Program services provided by Probation (\$97,000) and the District Attorney's Office (\$98,634), at one CLEAR site (Ramona Gardens) for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, funded through the 2008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds.
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney, or their designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Program, and to sign and execute the terms of the Agreements, including execution of any necessary extensions, modifications, amendments, and augmentations.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with CLEAR Program legislation which requires that this collaborative, multi-agency effort involving the Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office be formalized in a Professional Services Agreement as the City's prerequisite to release CLEAR Program funding.

In addition, your Board's approval will provide delegated authority to the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney, or their designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Program, and to carry out the terms of the Agreements, including any necessary execution of extensions, modifications, or amendments and augmentations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services and Strategic Plan Goal No. 5, Public Safety, to ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County. The CLEAR Program is a collaborative effort between multiple jurisdictions that are committed to ridding neighborhoods of street violence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The first Agreement (Attachment 1) will be funded from the 2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The City will provide the County a total of \$235,841 as follows: \$97,000 to the Probation Department to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for one existing Deputy Probation Officer II position and \$138,841 to the District Attorney's Office to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for one Deputy District Attorney III position, respectively, for the Hollenbeck/Boyle Heights area.

The second Agreement (Attachment 2) will be funded from the 2008 JAG award for the period of December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. The City will provide the County a total of \$393,060 as follows: \$161,660 to the Probation Department which will continue to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for five Deputy Probation Officer II positions and \$231,400 to the District Attorney's Office to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for four Deputy District Attorney III positions, respectively, for the JAG 2008 CLEAR sites.

The third Agreement (Attachment 3) will be funded through the City's 2008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The City will provide the County a total of \$195,634 as follows: \$97,000 to the Probation Department to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for one existing Deputy Probation Officer II position and \$98,634 to the District Attorney's Office to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for one Deputy District Attorney III position, respectively, for the Ramona Gardens area.

These revenues are included in each respective Department's FY 08/09 Final Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 6, 2008 your Board adopted the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations to avoid retroactive agreements and ensure timely payments from the City for the CLEAR Program. Consistent with these recommendations, the City has fully reimbursed the County for all outstanding previously executed agreements. However, despite working with the City to avoid retroactive agreements, this problem still exists primarily due to delays resulting from the lengthy process to negotiate JAG funding allocations and the City's preparation and approval of the Professional Services Agreements.

In order for Probation and the District Attorney's Office to claim reimbursement from the City for the CLEAR Program, the attached Professional Services Agreements between the City and the County of Los Angeles must be signed by the County Departments receiving funding. The Mayor of Los Angeles will sign and fully execute the three Agreements when received from the County, and the City will then reimburse the County.

The proposed Agreements have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The recommendations will maintain the existing level of services and will enable the Probation Department and the District Attorney's Office to work with the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney's Office to provide a flexible and coordinated response to crime perpetrated by criminal street gangs by identifying the gangs associated with each community and addressing each community's gang problem. Overall, the continued receipt of the City's reimbursement for CLEAR Program services will mitigate disruption in service delivery.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send two (2) copies of the adopted Board Letter of this action to:

Probation Department
Attention: Tasha Howard, Director
Contract Management Division
9150 E. Imperial Hwy Downey, CA 90242

Sincerely,


ROBERT B. TAYLOR
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER


STEVE COOLEY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Acting County Counsel
Chief Executive Office
District Attorney's Office